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CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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PROBLEMS FACED BY DRUGS AND PHARMA SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the high level review meeting of Ministers and representatives of leading, Pharma Organisations was held during the first week of April, 2000 to discuss the problems being faced by the drug industry;

(b): if so, the details thereof; Â©: the suggestions made and decisions taken in the said meeting;

(d): the details of action plan worked out for the implementation of decision; and

(e): the likely impact of the New Pharma Policy in the New Millennium?

Answer

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a) to (e): An inter active session attended by the representatives of pharmaceutical industry, senior government officials, myself and the Union Finance Minister was held onthe 4th April, 2000. During the session, issues relating to encouraging indigenous R&D by the Pharmaceutical Companies, status of the indigenous pharma industry and the measures to encourage the growth of the industry were discussed. Decisions are taken by the Government after necessary inter-ministerial consultations.